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Man Sentenced to 96 Months for Firing Shot Near Neighbor's Head

Washington, D.C. – Biruk Woldetsadik, formerly of 141 Florida Avenue, N.W., was sentenced by the Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to 8 years incarceration on June 24, 2010, for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Possession of a Firearm During a Crime of Violence, Carrying a Pistol Without a License, Unregistered Firearm, and Unregistered Ammunition, announced U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. today. A jury found Woldetsadik guilty on April 8, 2010.

According to evidence presented at trial, on June 13, 2009, Woldetsadik entered the victim's room at 7:30 a.m., shouted "I'll kill you," and shot at his head while he lay in bed. Woldetsadik missed by a couple of inches and then ran back to his house at 141 Florida Avenue. There was no known motive for the attack. An eyewitness saw Woldetsadik enter the victim's bedroom with a gun and heard a gun shot. Both the victim and the witness knew Woldetsadik as a neighbor and acquaintance. The gun used in the shooting was recovered from Woldetsadik's house with Woldetsadik's fingerprint on a nearby magazine, along with 2,600 grams of marijuana, cocaine, scales, a gun case, and ammunition. Several other people were located inside of 141 Florida Avenue at the time the guns and drugs were recovered.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the work of MPD Detective Dino McFadden and Officer Atubakr Karim of the Fifth District, and Technicians Nathaniel Covington and James Fields of the Mobile Crime Unit. He also commended U.S. Attorney's Office Paralegal Specialist Kalisha Johnson-Clark and Victim Witness Advocate Jennifer Clark. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorneys Maia Miller, who investigated the case, and Mary Chris Dobbie, who prosecuted the case.